

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 6, and 8 to read, as follows.

1. **(Currently Amended)** A developing apparatus for developing an electrostatic image formed on an image carrier, comprising:

a developing container for containing a magnetic developer, the developing container being divided ~~portioning the developing container~~ into a first chamber and a second chamber constituting a circulation path of the developer, the first chamber being disposed on an upper side of the second chamber;

a first developing member, provided within ~~[[with]]~~ the first chamber, for supplying the developer to the electrostatic image on the image carrier;

a second developing member, provided within ~~[[with]]~~ the second chamber, for supplying the developer to the electrostatic image on the image carrier; and

a magnetic field generating means for generating a magnetic field for transferring the developer from ~~between~~ the first developing member to ~~[[and]]~~ the second developing member; and ~~member on the image carrier side;~~

a restricting member for restricting entry of the developer in the developing container to a space between the first developing member and the second developing member, the restricting member being ~~[[is]]~~ disposed in the developer container in a non-contacting manner with ~~[[to]]~~ the first developing member and the second developing member.

2. **(Original)** The developing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the restricting member is provided extending substantially along a circumferential surface of the second developing member.

3. **(Currently Amended)** The developing apparatus according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the magnetic field generating means has a pair of magnetic polarities disposed stationarily in the second developing member for forming a resilient magnetic field, and the restricting member is disposed ~~arranged to protrude~~ in a ~~manner~~ non-contacting manner with but adjacent to the magnetic polarity pair.

4. **(Original)** The developing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the first developing member carries the developer in the first chamber and conveys the developing agent to the image carrier the first developing portion, and wherein the second developing member carries the developer received from the first developing member and conveys the developer to the image carrier.

5. **(Original)** The developing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the restricting member is provided extending substantially along circumferential surfaces of the first developing member and the second developing member.

6. **(Currently Amended)** The developing apparatus according to claim 1 or claim 5, wherein the magnetic field generating means has a pair of magnetic polarities disposed stationarily in the first developing member for forming a resilient magnetic field and a pair

of magnetic polarities disposed stationarily in the second developing member for forming a resilient magnetic field, and the restricting member is disposed ~~arranged to protrude~~ in a ~~manner~~ non-contacting manner with but adjacent to the magnetic polarity pairs.

7. **(Original)** The developing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the first developing member carries the developer in the first chamber and conveys the developer to the image carrier, and wherein the second developing member carries the developer received from the first developing member and conveys the developer to the image carrier.

8. **(Currently Amended)** The developing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the restricting member includes ~~[[has]]~~ a dividing ~~portioning~~ portion for dividing ~~portioning~~ the developing container into the first chamber and the second chamber.

9. **(Original)** The developing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the magnetic developer includes a non-magnetic toner and a magnetic carrier.